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SUBJECT: ENERGY - CONSUMER COOPERATION

1. DAVIGNON SAYS THAT THE EUROPEAN REACTION TO THE RECENT

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AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION AMONG THE ENERGY

CONSUMERS HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. GENERALLY, THE EUROPEANS AGREE THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONSUMER-PRODUCER DIALOGUE WOULD BE IMPROVED BY COOPERATIVE STEPS BY THE CONSUMERS TOWARD REDUCED ENERGY CONSUMPTION, INCREASED ENERGY SUPPLY, AND A FINANCIAL SAFETY NET. DAVIGNON THINKS WE SHOULD AIM FOR EARLY AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THESE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS BUT CAUTIONS AGAINST TRYING TO TIE UP ALL THE DETAILS BEFORE AGREEMING TO HOLD A CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE.

2. ACCORDING TO DAVIGNON, EUROPE WILL BE WITH THE U.S. IF WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT PROGRESS IN THESE AREAS AS PROVIDING A SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR A CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE U.S. INSISTS ON POSTPONING A CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE UNTIL ALL OF THE DETAILS OF CONSUMER COOPERATION ARE WORKED OUT, EUROPE IS LIKELY TO BALK.

3. DAVIGNON THINKS THAT THE PROSPECT OF A CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE AS EARLY AS MAY 1975 COULD BE USED AS LEVERAGE TO BRING ABOUT EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CONSUMER COOPERATION. IN RESPONSE TO OUR DOUBTS ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF THIS SCHEDULE, DAVIGNON SAID HE SAW NO REASON WHY THE IEA MEMBERS COULD NOT AGREE IN PRINCIPLE BY THEN ON A JOINT TARGET FOR REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION, A COOPERATIVE R&D PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LARGE FUND TO FACILITATE RECYCLING.

4. DAVIGNON EXPECTS THAT THE PORTION OF THE EC SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE ON THE CONSUMERS-PRODUCERS CONFERENCE WILL GO DOWN THE MIDDLE BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE U.S. POSITIONS.
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